

Research Report Results

How Does a Foster Parent Program Retain Successful Foster Parents?

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Related to my research question regarding how a foster parent program retains successful foster parents a major finding was the answer to the question regarding suggestions for the Cabinet in order to retain foster parents the results were 38.1% stated communicate, support, listen, 23.8% stated other such as provide more support in rural areas and do not give new parents children with severe behavioral problems and continue the mentoring program and get help to foster parents before the situation gets to a disruption, 19% place the right child to the right home, 14.3% increase the per diem rate, and 4.8% for the Worker to be there to help if needed. Regarding the research question what resources and services would be helpful in the retention of foster parents in a foster care program a major finding was the answers to this question what would you suggest that the Cabinet do to be more supportive to foster parents the results were: 28.6% reported communicate, 23.8% reported listen, 23.8% reported other such as make decisions on a case by case basis, help make a plan to improve the situation, provide training at more convenient times, offer health insurance, 14.3% information on the children and 4.8% more per diem.

The respondents answered the question what they believed is the most important thing that helped them remain a foster parent were 52.4% the children, 23.8% the R & C Workers support, 14.3% seeing a difference in the child's life, 9.5% support from other foster parents and 9.5% be a mother. What motivated them to become a foster parent was 61.9% desire to help children, 28.6% they want children in the home. 4.8% are a former

Results of Needs Assessment	Appendix C			
Years Foster Parenting	5 - 10 yrs 38.1%.	1 – 5 yrs. 33.3%	Less than 1yr. 19.5%	Over 10 yrs. 9.5%
Motivation	Desire to help children 61.9%	Want children in home 28.6%	Former foster child 4.8%	Know foster parent 4.8%
How heard about program	other foster parent 42.9%	flier or printed material, 23.8%	Internet 23.8%	Presentation 4.8%

foster child, 4.8% know a foster parent. Included in this report is a complete listing on the table in Appendix C of the results of the needs assessment.

What helped through training & certification	Encouragement from trainers 42.9%	Family support 23.8%	Other foster parents 14.3%	Support from home study Worker 9.5%	Other 9.5%
Best info. From training	Needs of foster children 61.9%	Loss & attachment 23.8%	Communication Skills 9.5%	Behavior Management 4.8%	
Satisfaction with certification process	On scale of 1-5 Five is highest (4) 47.6%	(5) 23.8%	(3) 14.3%	(2) 9.5%	Other 4.8%
Home study worker's support	Very helpful 42.9%	Somewhat helpful 28.6%	Greatly helpful 28.6%		

Suggestions to make training & certification better	More time shadowing experienced foster parents 47.6%	Other such as weekend respite as training 19%	More classroom training 14.3%	More time spent with home study worker 14.3%	No response 4.8%
Did you have a mentor after certification	Yes 66.7%	No 33.3%			
How supportive was your mentor	No answer 33.3%	Somewhat supportive 23.8%	Greatly supportive 19.0%	Very supportive 14.3%	Not supportive 9.5%

Suggestions for Cabinet to be more supportive	Communicate	Listen	Other: such as decisions on case by case basis, help make a plan	Information on children	Increase per diem
	28.6%	23.8%	23.8%	14.3%	4.8%

Most important Thing helped remain a foster Parent	The Children 52.4%	R & C Worker support 23.8%	Seeing difference in child's life 14.3%	Support from foster parents 9.5%	Be a mother 9.5%
Situations needed most support	When children placed in home 33.3%	Behavioral problems of children 33.3%	When children leave the home 19.0%	Problems at school 4.8%	Other 9.5%
Foster Care Worker Support	Answers questions 52.4%	Gets information 28.6%	Listened 19.0%		
Suggestion for Cabinet to retain foster parents	Communicate, support, listen 38.1%	Other: Such as make decision on case by case basis, offer health insurance, help make a plan to improve situation 23.8%	Place right child to right home 19.0%	Increase per diem 14.3%	Workers be there to help if needed 4.8%